

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application is presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1) deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2) added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~riser~~ cart comprising:

a cart support frame having a plurality of wheels rotatably attached thereto;

a first swing arm post assembly mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the first swing arm post assembly includes a first swing arm post and a first plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the first ends of the first swing arms are rotatable about and movable along the first swing arm post and wherein the second ends of at least two adjacent first swing arms ~~proximate the first ends between a storage position and a loading position and~~ are matably engageable with each other at the second ends and detachable from each other by moving adjacent first swing arms apart from each other along the first swing arm post; and

~~a second swing arm post assembly mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the second swing arm post assembly includes a second swing arm post and a second plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the second swing arms are rotatable proximate the first ends between a storage position and a loading position and are engageable and with each other at the second ends.~~

wherein the engagement of the second ends of two adjacent first swing arms defines a storage position.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim 1, wherein the first plurality of swing arms are in a spaced-apart relationship substantially above each other when in the storage position to define a first plurality of storage regions, ~~and wherein the second plurality of swing arms are in a spaced-apart relationship substantially above each other when in the storage position to define a second plurality of storage regions.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim 1, wherein the first ~~and second~~ plurality of swing arms ~~each~~ includes a pivot tube ~~that~~ through which the first ~~and second~~ swing arm posts, respectively, extends.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim 3, wherein the first ~~and second~~ plurality of swing arms ~~each~~ further includes a horizontal support bar and a keeper attached to the horizontal support bar opposite the swing arm post, wherein the horizontal support is attached to the pivot tube, and wherein the keeper is attached to an end of the horizontal support bar that is opposite the pivot tube.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim 4, wherein the keeper has a depression in a first end thereof and a projection extending from a second end thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The riser cart of claim 4,~~ A riser cart comprising:

a cart support frame having a plurality of wheels rotatably attached thereto;

a first swing arm post assembly mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the first swing arm post assembly includes a first swing arm post and a first plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the first swing arms are rotatable proximate the first ends between a storage position and a loading position and are engageable with each other at the second ends; and

a second swing arm post assembly mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the second swing arm post assembly includes a second swing arm post and a second plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the second swing arms are rotatable proximate the first ends between a storage position and a loading position and are engageable with each other at the second ends. The riser cart of claim 1, wherein the first and second plurality of swing arms each include a pivot tube that through which the first and second swing arm posts, respectively, extend;

wherein the first and second plurality of swing arms each further include a horizontal support bar and a keeper attached to the horizontal support bar opposite the swing arm post, wherein the horizontal support is attached to the pivot tube, and wherein the keeper is attached to an end of the horizontal support bar that is opposite the pivot tube; and wherein the cart support frame includes a pair of holding sockets that are adapted to receive lower ends of the keepers when the first and second swing arms are in the storage position.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, ~~wherein the first and~~ further comprising a second plurality of swing arms are each vertically slidable with respect to the first and second swing arm post, respectively. further comprising a second swing arm post assembly mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the second swing arm post assembly includes a second swing arm post and a second plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the first ends of the second swing arms are rotatable about and movable along the second swing arm post and wherein the second ends of at least two adjacent second swing arms are matably engageable with each other at the second ends and detachable from each other by moving adjacent first swing arms apart from each other along the second swing arm post.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, and further comprising a support rail that extends between the first and second swing arm post opposite the cart support frame.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, and further comprising a first back rail support post assembly and a second back rail support post assembly that are both mounted to the cart support frame, wherein the first and second back rail support post assemblies each include a support post and a support hook attached to the support post opposite the cart support frame.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~riser~~ cart of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein the cart support frame comprises a pair of side beams, a front beam and a rear beam wherein the front and rear beams extend between the side beams.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of using a ~~riser~~-cart comprising:

providing a ~~riser~~-cart having a cart support frame, a first swing arm post assembly and a second swing arm post assembly, wherein the first and second swing arm post assemblies each comprises a swing arm post and a plurality of swing arms having first and second ends, wherein the first ends of the swing arms are rotatable about and movable along the swing arm post and wherein the second ends of at least two adjacent swing arms are matably engageable with each other at the second ends and detachable from each other by moving adjacent first swing arms apart from each other along the swing arm post;

placing a first object on the cart support frame;

rotating the first swing arms from a loading position to a storage position where the first swing arms extend over the first object; and

placing a second object on the first swing arms so that the second object is located in a spaced apart relationship from the first object.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, and further comprising sliding the first swing arms with respect to the swing arm post as the first swing arms are rotated from the loading position to the storage position.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein each of the first swing arms comprises a first pivot tube, a first horizontal support bar and a first keeper, wherein the first pivot tube and the first keeper are attached to opposite ends of the first horizontal support bar, and wherein the first pivot tube extends over the swing arm post.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 13,~~ A method of using a riser cart comprising:

providing a riser cart having a cart support frame, a first swing arm post assembly and a second swing arm post assembly, wherein the first and second swing arm post assemblies each comprises a swing arm post and pivotally mounted to the swing arm post at first ends thereof and being engageable at a second end thereof;

placing a first object on the cart support frame;

rotating the first swing arms from a loading position to a storage position where the first swing arms extend over the first object;

placing a second object on the first swing arms so that the second object is located in a spaced apart relationship from the first object;

wherein each of the first swing arms comprises a first pivot tube, a first horizontal support bar and a first keeper, wherein the first pivot tube and the first keeper are attached to opposite ends of the first horizontal support bar, and wherein the first pivot tube extends over the swing arm post and further comprising retaining the first swing arms in storage position by engaging lower ends of the first swing arms with holding sockets attached to the cart support frame.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein each of the second swing arms comprises a second pivot tube, a second horizontal support bar and a second keeper, wherein the second pivot tube and the second keeper are attached to opposite ends of the second horizontal support bar, and wherein the second pivot tube extends over the swing arm post.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, and further comprising retaining the first keepers in a stationary position with respect to the second keepers.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the first keepers each include a depression and wherein the second keepers each include a projection.

18. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the riser cart further comprises a support rail that extends between the swing arm posts, and wherein the support rail includes directions on the use of the riser cart.

19. (Original) The method of claim 11, and further comprising storing at least one back rail on the riser cart by engaging the at least one back rail with a first back rail support post assembly and a second back rail support post assembly that each extend from the cart support frame.